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14 September, 1916

President R. A. Falconer,
University of Toronto.

Dear President Falconer:

With regard to the matter of the housing of the Gardener on the grounds, I have estimates from the Superintendent for remodelling the ground floor of the stable to the rear of the Botany and Forestry Building. This has not been used, except as a tool house, up to the present. The total cost is placed at $2257.50 by the Superintendent. He further states that a considerable part of the material used could be utilized in case the building were torn down later. This expenditure also includes a new roof on the stable and further facilitates and will lessen the expenditure on the changing of the upper flat into an extension to our laboratory and lecture room space, which is becoming more and more urgent.

Yours sincerely,

R B Thomson

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September 18th, 1916

Professor R. B. Thomson,

University of Toronto.

Dear Professor Thomson:

As there has been no item placed in the estimates for the remodelling of the stable in the rear of the Botany and Forestry building and as I see no likelihood in the present condition of our finances of being able to secure such a grant from the Governors I do not think I need at present take any action with regard to your letter. If anything is to be done I fancy that it cannot be undertaken until next year.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Toronto, Oct. 12, 1916.

President R. A. Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President,

Mr. N. C. Hart, M.A., who holds a $500 Fellowship in Botany this year, has been practically offered a position in the Seed Branch, Ottawa, at $1200 a year. He was Fellow in Botany last year, assisting with the classes of I Year Pass and Veterinary Science students, and with the preparation of material for them. He also gave the I Year Botany lectures at Trintiy, as well as helping with the work of listing, identification, etc., in the Garden. Mr. Hart does not wish to leave us, preferring to work here at a lower stipend, in order to secure his Doctor's degree before taking a position, and will remain if we can give him $800. He is a most valuable man, and I recommend that he be granted the extra $300. His work this year has been increased by the enrolment of nearly sixty students extra in the I Year Pass Botany, necessitating a division of the class into two for their laboratory work. If Mr. Hart should leave us, we have no one in sight, and I do not know how the classes could be carried on.

Yours respectfully,

R. B. Thomson

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for Specialists' certificates